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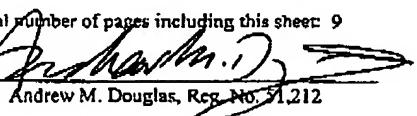
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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT OF OCTOBER 3, 2006

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Dear Sir:

This paper is in response to the Restriction Requirement of October 3, 2006 in the above-captioned application.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 8 of this paper.